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SUBJECT: ZIMBABWE REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE

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1. FOLLOWING UP APPROACHES REPORTED IN REF A, MISOFF MET TODAY WITH UNHCR NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE DAYAL, DEPUTY UNHCR MACE, AND DES OFFICER ALIMOHAMED TO DISCUSS CURRENT SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE AS PERCEIVED BY DAYAL DURING HIS JUST-COMPLTETE VISIT THERE TO ATTEND UN CON-FERENCE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA.

2. DAYAL REPORTED THAT NEEDS AMONG 32,000 REFUGEES IN THREE CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE, BUT ESPECIALLY THOSE IN DOROI AND TRONGA, WERE INDEED DESPAERATE AND IN URGENT NEED OF ATTENTION. FROM THAT POINT OF VIEW, THEREFORE, THERE WAS NO QUESTIONS OF DEISRABILITY OF AN EXPANDED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO THE REFUGEES IN MOZAMBIQUE. HOWEVER, AS HAS BEEN DISCUSSED IN PREVIOUS COMMUNICATIONS, THE PROBLEMLAY, ACCORDING TO DAYAL, IN THE ABILITY OF THE MOZAMBIQUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOVERNMENT TO COPE WITH PROBLEMS OF CONTROL AND DISTRIBUTION. DAYAL STATED THAT AT THE THEORETICAL LEVEL, FRELIMO HAD EXCELLENT HUMAN RESOURCES, AT THE LEVEL DIRECTOR THEY WERE "GOOD", BUT THAT AT THE OPERATING LEVEL THEY WERE EFFECTIVELY NON-EXISTENT. UNHCR IS NOW ENDEAVORINGTO MEET THIS PROBLEM BY INVOLVING AN AN OPERATING PARTNER THE LUTHERAN WORLD FEDERATION (LWF), WITH WHICH BOTH FRELIMO

AND THE PATRICOTIC FRONT HAD PREVIOUS OPERATIONAL CONTACT IN RHODESIA. UNHCR'S CONTROR OFFICER FOR THIS AREA, M'KANDA (REF A), HAS THEREFORE REMAINED BEHIND IN MOZAMBIQUE IN AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH A THREE-WAY WORKING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE LWF, THE GOM, AND THE UNHCR. IF THIS IS SUCCESSFUL, DAYAL FEELS, A GOOD START WILL HAVE BEEN MADE TOWARD ESTABLISHING A SYSTEM WHICH CAN EFFECTIVELY MOVE AND DISTRIBUTE SUPPLIES PROVIDED FOR USE BY THE REFUGEES. DAYAL ONCE AGAIN IDENTIFIED A MAJOR PART OF THE PROBLEM AS THE LACK OF ORGANIZATION AMONG FRELIMO AND ITS SENSITIVITY AND DEFENSIVENESS THEREFOR.

3. AS CONCERNING THE CAMPS, DAYAL SAID THAT HE FOUND THEM IN A PITIABLE STATE, WITH THE INHABITANTS LEADERLESS, IN GREAT DEJECTION, AND PSYCHOLOGICALLY IN THE "SLOUGH OF DESPONDENCY". CONFIRMING PAST REPORT, HE STATED MALNUTRITION WAS WIDESPREAD AND THAT THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE PSYCHOSOMATIC ILLNESS. THE MAJOR PROBLEM AS PERCEIVED BY DAYAL IS TO MAKE THE SETTLEMENTS SELF-RELIANT. HE NOTED IN THIS CONNECTION THAT SOME SMALL BEGINNINGS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD CROP AND VEGETABLE CULTIVATION IN AND ABOUT THE CAMPS. THE PROBLEM OF THE CAMPS WILL CONTINUE TO GROW, ACCORDING TO DAYAL, AS AN ESTIMATED 1,000 REFUGEES FROM RHODESIA ARE ADDED MONTHLY TO THE 32,000 REFUGEES ALREADY THERE.

4. DAYAL SAID THAT HE JUDGED UNHCR WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS IN 1977 FOR ITS MOZAMBIQUE PROGRAM, IN ADDITION TO THE \$.35 MILLION IT HAD ALREADY BUDGETED FOR THIS PURPOSE (PARA 2, REF A). WHEN QUESTIONED, HE REPLIED EMPHATICALLY THAT ADDITIONAL RESOURCES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE REFUGEES COULD BE WELL AND USEFULLY ABSORBED. HE SAID THAT IN PARTICULAR CLOTHING, SHOES AND FOOD WERE DESPERATELY NEEDED. QUERIED WHETHER THESE ITEMS COULD BE EFFICIENTLY CONTROLLED AND DISTRIBUTED TO THE REFUGEES, DAYAL AGAIN RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY. HE POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS A SIMPLE MATTER OF DELIVERING MATERIAL THAT COULD BE IMMEDIATELY PUT TO USE BY THE RECIPIENTS, RATHER THAN A MORE INVOLVED PROCEDURE OF ESTABLISHING INTRA-STRUCTURAL NECESSITIES, (E.G., ORGANIZING CLINICS, ETC.) HE FELT DECIDELY THAT SUFFICIENT TRANSPORT AND PERSONNEL WERE, OR WOULD BE, ON HAND TO MEET THIS TASK.

5. AS FOR SPECIFIC FOOD REQUIREMENTS, DAYAL SAID THAT REFUGEES NOW SUBSISTED ON A DIET OF WHITE MAIZE, BEANS AND SARDINES. HE THEREFORE FELT THAT A LARGE SHIPMENT OF RICE WOULD BE HELPFUL, AS WELL AS LENTILS, IF AVAILABLE. HE WAS LESS CERTAIN AS TO DRIED MILK AND WHEAT.

6. DAYAL MENTIONED THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED THIS MATTER  
WITH AMBASSADOR DEPREE IN MAPUTO,  
WHO MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON THE FOREGOING THOUGHTS AND  
RECOMMENDATTIONS.

7. AS CONERNS THE UNHCR APPEAL FOR REFUGEES IN SOUTHERN  
AFRICA (PAR 1, REF A), MISSOFF WAS TOLD IT HAS NOW  
BEEN SLIPPED TO WEEK OF JUNE 6 TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT  
RESULTS OF MAPUTO CONFERENCE.SORENSEN

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